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FROM PAGANELLI, EMBASSY DOHA

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DIALOGUE ON ENERGY: TRAVEL OF TREASURY REPRESENTATIVES
SCHOTTA, MCCULLOUGH AND TOSINI TO DOHA

REF: STATE 208760, KUWAIT 4194

1. ASSUME KUWAIT HAS ALREADY INFORMED DEPT OF ACCEPTABILITY
OF OCT 30-31 DATES FOR TREASURY REPS' VISIT TO DOHA.

2. PROBLEM FOR US IS TO COME UP WITH QATARI COUNTERPARTS
WITH SUFFICIENT EXPERTISE TO HOLD UP THEIR END OF DIALOGUE.
DEPARTURE FOR ACADEMIC YEAR AT OXFORD OF DIRECTOR OF PETROLEUM
AFFAIRS ALI JAIDAH HAS REMOVED SINGLE MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE
OFFICIAL FROM SCENE.

2. ON OCT 8 I SPOKE WITH ACTING PETROLEUM DIRECTOR ADBULLAH
SALATT ABOUT TREASURY REPS' VISIT. HE FRANKLY ADMITTED THAT
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HIS OWN KNOWLEDGE WAS FAR SHORT OF THAT REQUIRED TO CARRY ON

MEANINGFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH TREASURY REPS, BUT THAT HE WOULD DO HIS BEST TO ROUND UP TEAM THAT WOULD MAKE VISIT MUTUALLY USEFUL. SALATT ALSO SAID THAT BEFORE GOQ COULD FORMALLY AGREE TO RECEIVE TREASURY REPS, PERMISSION SHOULD BE SOUGHT FROM MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND FINANCE, SHAYKH ABDUL AZIZ BIN KHALIFA AL THANI. I WILL CALL ON ABDUL AZIZ TO DISCUSS MATTER AND ANTICIPATE NO (RPT NO) DIFFICULT ON THIS POINT.

3. COMMENT: WE WILL DO WHAT WE CAN TO HELP THE GOQ FIELD A TEAM THAT CAN HAVE A PROFITABLE DISCUSSION WITH TREASURY REPS. IN ANY EVENT, TREASURY REPS' VISIT WILL BE A USEFUL EXERCISE EVEN IF IT IS A MONOLOGUE FROM US SIDE.
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